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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN
CONSUMER ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

1. TREASURY PLANS TO CONTACT MITI WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AND INFORM HIM THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED IN PENDING INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT CASE.

2. BACKGROUND: IN 1970 AND 1972 TREASURY RECEIVED A COMPLAINT ALLEGING THAT JAPANESE EXPORTS TO THE US OF CERTAIN CONSUMER ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS WERE RECEIVING BOUNTIES OR GRANTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW. INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED IN 1972/73 AND TENTATIVE CALCULATIONS WERE PERFORMED TO ESTIMATE POSSIBLE BOUNTY OR GRANT, IF ANY, BUT NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS REACHED AND NO ACTION TAKEN. TREASURY OFFICIALS NOW WISH TO REMOVE CASE FROM LIST OF PENDING INVESTIGATIONS.

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3. RECENT ACTION: IN JULY 1974 TREASURY ASKED MITI TO

UPDATE INFORMATION ON EXPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED UNDER 1972 COMPLAINT. DATA FROM MITI WAS RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER AND REVIEWED BY TREASURY. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WERE RAISED ABOUT OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT RESERVE--ARTICLE 54 (1973 LAW) OF THE ACT OF SPECIAL

MEASURES FOR TAXES.

4. TREASURY WILL INFORM MITI REPRESENTATIVE THAT INSTRUCTION BEING FORWARDED TO CUSTOMS OFFICIAL IN TOKYO ASKING THAT HE OBTAIN INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT, IF ANY, JAPANESE PRODUCERS OF PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT RESERVE IN EXPORTING TO US.

5. ABOVE FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION ONLY. PRODUCTS INVOLVED ARE TELEVISION SETS, RADIO RECEIVERS, MONOPHONIC AND STEREOPHONIC SOUND SYSTEMS, TAPE RECORDERS, AND TELEVISION RECEIVERS(INCLUDING COLOR RECEIVING TUBES, RESISTERS, TRANSFORMERS, AND TUNERS WITH INTEGRATED CIRCUITS.) INGERSOLL

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